

just as certain as before the great healer came.

And what is this great institution doing for us? Helping every line of business it is true, but demoralizing society dividing every religious denomination in the city and causing Satan to smile and the true Christian to exclaim with one of old "What is man that thou art mindful of him or the Son of man that thou visiteth him?" Oh, for a closer walk with God! Awake thou that sleepest apply to the Divine Healer and find a balm for every wound. IDA MYERS.

SERMON ECHOES

LOUIS S. BAUMAN

Religion unused, rusts.

The lowly star shines brightest.

To day's misfortunes, oftentimes prove tomorrow's blessings.

God only helps men to help themselves.

Better be a master boot-black than a shallow-brained preacher.

Better be happy in a cottage than miserable in a palace.

Faith will take God's word before her feelings any day.

A truly great purpose is always worth dying to achieve.

The first step you take on God's ladder, separates you from the earth.

A noble purpose and everlasting stick-to-itiveness never failed.

The faith that God blesses is the faith that can trust when both cellar and pocket are empty.

As the storm drives the oak to take deeper hold on the earth. So do the tempests of life drive man to take deeper hold on God.

Roann, Ind.

Minutes Indiana Conference, -1899

FIRST SESSION, TUESDAY, A. M.

The Indiana State Conference of Brethren churches convened at Oakville, Ind., Oct. 3, at 8:45 A. M., with brother W. W. Summers in the chair.

Devotional services conducted by J. M. Fox, consisting of song, reading Romans 8th chapter and prayer. Opening remarks by chairman.

Appointment of committee on ministerial credentials, Jos. Cunningham, Henry Rinehart, John Lowman. Committee on lay credentials, Brethren Hazlett, Hopkins and Bemenderfer. Committee on committee, L. S. Bauman, J. M. Fox, T. C. Leslie.

A few general remarks were made by Brother Talley. Partial report of committee on lay credentials reported and accepted. Number of delegates reported, 28. Committee continued.

Partial report of committee on ministerial delegates given and accepted. Delegates reported, 18. Committee continued.

A Bible study: The Dream, G. W. Rensch.

The subject: The Most Important Work of this

Conference, was discussed by Wm. H. Miller and A. S. Menaugh.

Motion prevailed to extend the courtesies of this conference to Brethren Gnagey, Talley and Sister Detwiler. Former subject further discussed by Brethren Rensch, Flora, Leslie and Bauman.

Committee on committees reported

1. On papers and letters, Brethren Rensch, Plank and Ida Simmons.

2. Location, B. H. Flora, Maud Wingard and Jno Kilian.

3. Resolutions, Mary Bauman, Mrs. Geo. Rensch and Clara Shoyer.

Motion to adjourn prevailed. Closed by song and benediction.

SECOND SESSION, TUESDAY, 2 P. M.

Devotional services were conducted by A. S. Menaugh. The courtesies of the convention were extended to several ministers present. The subject, College Interests, was taken up by L. S. Bauman. Motion prevailed to submit college matters to a committee. The subject: Our Publishing Interests, was taken up by L. W. Ditch. Committee on committee reported the following as a committee on college interests, G. W. Rensch, L. W. Ditch and A. R. Bemenderfer. Publishing interests was further discussed by A. D. Gnagey.

T. C. Leslie made the report of the committee on orphan work. A number of homes were found and one boy was placed in a home. Report adopted. Adjourned. Evening session closed with song and prayer.

6:30 P. M.

Praise meeting led by Brother Flora. A Bible reading, The Field, by Sister Bauman. Annual sermon by W. W. Summers.

THIRD SESSION, WEDNESDAY, A. M.

Praise meeting, 6:30, led by D. A. Hopkins. Devotional services, 9:00, led by L. A. Hazlett. Minutes of previous day read and approved as read. Committee on letters reported the desire of Claypool church to be represented by letter and sent \$1.00 to conference. Report accepted. Committee on ministerial delegates reported four additional delegates. Report adopted. Committee on lay delegates reported eight additional delegates. Report adopted. Work on orphan work was taken up by motion. Motion made to appoint a committee on orphan work of three members per request of president of committee. Report of secretary read and approved as read.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR YEAR 1899

I made a strong effort to obtain data for as complete a report as possible, but it seems, do as I could only thirty six churches responded to my entreaties.

I think however that in the coming year it would be advisable to correspond with the secretary of each church in place of the pastor.

No. of churches in state, 45; No reporting, 35. My report shall be only in regard to the 35 churches reporting. Churches which failed to report are credited with the reports of last year and are written in red ink. Thus you can readily see who reported and what is new material. I wish all who are interested in our church work would examine the tabulated report and compare the report of your church with that of other churches.

THE REPORT

No churches reporting,	35
No. houses owned,	33½
No. of members Oct. 1, '98,	2583
" revivals held,	29
Accessions,	188
Total per year,	258
Baptism,	213
Relation,	34
Letter,	21
Average conversion,	6
" accession,	7½
Total lost,	205
Average,	6
Per cent. gain of conversion over loss,	8 35
Gain total per cent,	1½

Members, Oct. 1, '99,	2636
Net gain members to a church'	53 or 1 18 35
Average membership,	75½
Services each week, 1; twice a month, 19; once a month, 15; Y. P. S., 15; prayer meetings, 17; S. S. C. E., 21; S. S., 32; pastors, 16; deacons, 71; mission points open, 14.	

WM. H. MILLER, Sec.

A vote of thanks was extended to secretary for work of compiling report.

Committee on committee reported T. C. Leslie, Jacob Flora, Henry Bowman. Report adopted. A Bible study, The Evangelist, by G. W. Rensch.

Report of mission board read and approved as read.

The reports of secretary and treasurer. 1st of secretary.

REPORT OF HOME MISSION BOARD

Received on old pledges:	
Oct. 8, '98, R. R. Teeter,	\$ 5 00
Nov. 28, '98, L. O. Hubbard,	3 00
July 25, '99, Corinth church,	4 60

Received on new pledges: 1898

Nov. 12, Roann K. C.,	3 00
Dec. 21, Roann church,	2 71
Dec. 21, Mexico church,	2 65
Dec. 21, Mexico K. C. of C. E.,	3 00
Dec. 29, Mrs. J. Ulery,	3 00
Dec. 27, D. C. Ulery,	3 00

Received on new pledges: 1899

Jan. 2, Mrs. E. A. Early,	3 75
Jan. 2, Wm. McDonald,	2 00
Jan. 4, Burns' Chapel, S. S. C. E.,	2 00
Feb. 6, Tiosa church,	3 00
Feb. 28, Sidney church,	2 00
April 20, Lidia Wesler,	2 00
April 20, Sidney church,	1 00
June 17, Enos Bechtol,	2 50
June 22, Amanda Hartzog,	5 00
Aug. 30, Loree church,	5 00
Sept. 6, Tiosa church,	5 00
Sept. 6, Mexico church,	2 65
Sept. 25, Guilford Leslie,	10 00
Sept. 28, Sidney church,	2 00

Received outside of pledges: 1898

Nov. 30, Oakville church,	5 63
" " C. E.,	1 12
Dec. 26, Maud Wingard,	2 00
" 29, South Bend church,	6 50
" 30, Oakville C. E.,	1 63
" 27, South Bend church,	5 00
Nov. 28, Mt. Pleasant church,	5 00

Received outside of pledges: 1899

Jan. 2, Wm. McDonald,	1 00
" 10, Union Salem,	2 25
Feb. 28, Emma Wingard,	1 00
" Brighton church,	7 00
March 21, Poplar Grove,	3 00
" North Manchester church,	2 15
" Wm. Hamilton,	5 00
" Zanesville church,	3 00
" Andrew Sigerfoose,	5 00
" Pleasant View church,	2 15
" Dutchtown church,	20 00
" Burns' Chapel, S. S. C. E.,	50
April 4, Union Salem,	2 00
" 6, Warsaw church,	1 00
August 30, Loree church,	3 27
Sept. 6, New Enterprise church,	3 34
" 28, Fair View church,	16 00

Total amount received,	\$182 40
Owed state evangelist on last year's salary,	\$ 23 00
" " for three and one half months' work, this year,	146 00
Total due state evangelist,	\$169 00
Paid state evangelist, Dec. 2 1898,	\$ 22 75
" " " Jan. 16, 1899,	19 00
" " " Mar. 21, "	60 55
" " " " 22, "	12 25

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